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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY
No. ARD 2000-016

RE: Open Burning of Materials that Do Not Conform to the Provisions of CHAPTER ENV-A 1000 and PIP Authorization No. 10546

Dear Ms. Collins:

On June 1 and August 24, 2000, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division (DES), performed an inspection at the Coos County Solid Waste Transfer Station located on Back Pond Road at Tax Map B-6, Lot 8 in West Stewartstown, NH. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the NH Admin. Rules Env-A 100-3600, NH Rules Governing The Control of Air Pollution, specifically, CHAPTER Env-A 1000, Prevention, Abatement, and Control of Open Source Air Pollution, and AUTHORIZATION TO BURN WOOD & YARD WASTES, PIP No. 10546 ("PIP No. 10546") which authorizes Coos County.

At the time of the June 1, 2000 inspection, the DES inspector observed the following non-conforming materials in the burn pile: painted wood, cardboard, insulation, assorted metals, and an aerosol can. There was a charred piece of furniture in the pile. When the inspector arrived on August 24, 2000, the following non-conforming materials were observed in the burn pile: asbestos, pressure treated lumber and painted wood. Based upon these findings, DES has determined that the Facility has been operating in violation of Env-A 1001.04(a)(2) and Condition 2(a)(b) of PIP No. 10546.

Env-A 1001.04(a)(2) restricts any city or town to burning only brush or untreated wood.

Condition No. 2(a)(b) requires all burning to be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Env-A 1000 and that the following materials only shall be accepted and treated at the burn site:

- a. **"Brush"**, defined to mean tree tops, limbs, saplings, and tree cuttings, to include attached leaves which are five inches in diameter or less, and slash which measures five (5) inches in diameter or less; and
- b. **"Untreated wood"**, defined to mean any timber, board, or sawn dimensional lumber which has not been treated, coated, or preserved. This term does not include any manufactured building material, such as plywood or waferboard.

DES believes that the above-referenced deficiencies can be resolved if the Facility adheres to the following procedures:

1. Separate materials that do not meet the specifications of Condition 2 of PIP No.10546 from the burn area, and burn only permissible materials as described in PIP No. 10546;
2. Submit a statement in writing to DES within ten (10) days of receipt of this Letter of Deficiency attesting that if open burning activities continue they will be conducted in accordance with PIP No. 10546 and Env-A 1000.

Attached is a copy of PIP No. 10546 and Env-A 1000 for your reference. Please submit the requested information, within the specified time frame, to the following address:

Ms. Mary Ruel
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Air Resources Division, Compliance Bureau
6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
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In the event that compliance is not achieved within the specified time frame or maintained, DES may take further action against you, including issuing an administrative order, seeking administrative fines, revoking PIP No. 10546, and/or referring this matter to the New Hampshire Department of Justice for civil and/or criminal penalties. Please note that DES may conduct follow-up inspections to verify your compliance with air pollution control requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this letter of deficiency, please contact Ms. Mary Ruel, Enforcement Section Supervisor, Compliance Bureau, Air Resources Division, at (603) 271-6795.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Scott
Administrator
Compliance Bureau
Air Resources Division

Enclosure: PIP No. 10546 and Env-A 1000

cc: K. A. Colburn, DES O/C
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